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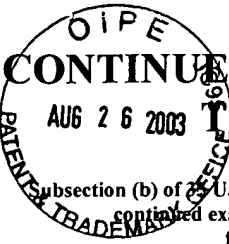
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	Filing Date	May 29, 2001
	First Named Inventor	F. Pipers
	Group Art Unit	1644
	Examiner Name	R. Cook
	Attorney Docket Number	454313-3184.1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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This is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination, and is in response to the March 26, 2003 Final Office Action.

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